

In the Claims:

1. (original) A cement composition additive comprising:

 water;

 microspheres; and

 a water swellable clay suspending agent.
2. (original) The additive of claim 1 wherein said microspheres are fly ash microspheres.
3. (original) The additive of claim 1 wherein said microspheres are synthetic hollow glass microspheres.
4. (original) The additive of claim 1 wherein said microspheres are formed of a chemically stable soda-lime borosilicate glass composition.
5. (original) The additive of claim 4 wherein said chemically stable soda-lime borosilicate glass composition is non-porous.
6. (original) The additive of claim 1 wherein said microspheres are present in an amount in the range of from about 30% to about 100% by weight of water in said additive.
7. (original) The additive of claim 1 wherein said microspheres are present in an amount of about 67% by weight of water in said additive.
8. (original) The additive of claim 1 wherein said clay suspending agent is selected from the group consisting of sodium bentonite, attapulgite, kaolinite, meta-kaolinite, hectorite and sepiolite.

9. (original) The additive of claim 1 wherein said clay suspending agent is sodium bentonite.

10. (original) The additive of claim 9 wherein said sodium bentonite is present in an amount of about 2% by weight of water in said additive.

11. (original) The additive of claim 1 wherein said clay suspending agent is present in an amount in the range of from about 1% to about 4% by weight of water in said additive.

12. (original) A cement composition additive comprising:

water;

microspheres present in an amount in the range of from about 30% to about 100% by weight of water in said additive; and

a water swellable clay suspending agent present in an amount in the range of from about 1% to about 4% by weight of water.

13. (original) The additive of claim 12 wherein said microspheres are fly ash microspheres.

14. (original) The additive of claim 12 wherein said microspheres are synthetic hollow glass microspheres.

15. (original) The additive of claim 12 wherein said microspheres are formed of a chemically stable soda-lime borosilicate glass composition.

16. (original) The additive of claim 15 wherein said chemically stable soda-lime borosilicate glass composition is non-porous.

17. (original) The additive of claim 12 wherein said clay suspending agent is selected from the group consisting of sodium bentonite, attapulgite, kaolinite, meta-kaolinite, hectorite and sepiolite.

18. (original) The additive of claim 12 wherein said microspheres are present in an amount of about 67% by weight of water in said additive.

19. (original) The additive of claim 12 wherein said clay suspending agent is sodium bentonite.

20. (original) The additive of claim 19 wherein said sodium bentonite is present in an amount of about 2% by weight of said additive.

21. (original) A cement composition additive comprising:

water;

microspheres selected from the group consisting of fly ash microspheres and synthetic hollow glass microspheres; and

a water swellable clay suspending agent selected from the group consisting of sodium bentonite, attapulgite, kaolinite, meta-kaolinite, hectorite and sepiolite.

22. (original) The additive of claim 21 wherein said microspheres are present in an amount in the range of from about 30% to about 100% by weight of water in said additive.

23. (original) The additive of claim 21 wherein said clay suspending agent is present in an amount in the range of from about 1% to about 4% by weight of water in said additive.